

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all of the claims. Claims 1, 2, and 5 are independent claims. Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, and 5 and have added new claim 10 to more distinctly claim the invention. The claim amendments are fully supported by the original specification at least by the first and second paragraphs of page 10.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by previously applied Wang et al. (US 6,083,044). Applicants respectfully respect the Examiner to withdraw this rejection at least because Wang does not teach or suggest all of the claim recitations.

For example, with respect to claims 1 and 2, Wang does not teach or suggest a board connector or a method of attaching a board connector in which the positioning projection is “integrally formed with the attachment surface of the board connector opposing to a circuit board.” Wang’s board locks 4 (alleged as corresponding to the claimed positioning projection) are not integrally formed with the attachment surface of the electrical connector assembly. Wang at Figs. 3 and 4.

In addition, with respect to claim 5, Wang does not teach or suggest a board connector having an attachment arm that is “substantially L-shaped” and is “provided on a surface which is not the attachment surface.” Wang’s unidentified features (alleged as corresponding to the claimed attachment arm) are provided at the attachment surface of the connector assembly. See Wang at Fig. 3.

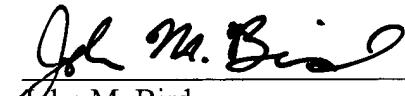
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Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of independent claims 1, 2, and 5 for at least the reasons discussed above. In addition, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of dependent claims 3, 4, and 6-9 at least because of their dependency from one of claims 1, 2, and 5.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow new claim 10 at least because of its dependency from claim 5.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

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